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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Cybersecurity and technology risk professional with 13+ years of experience in technology, public service, and information security. Founder of Safe Tayo? Philippines, an independent digital safety and technology literacy initiative.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Manager, IT Risk Management, G-Xchange, Inc. May 2026 – Present

Technology risk management in the financial technology sector: identifying, assessing, and communicating technology-related risks.

- Technology and cybersecurity risk assessments; Evaluation of technology controls and supporting evidence; Risk assessment of internally developed systems and third-party technology services; Emerging technology and cybersecurity risk intelligence; Regulatory intelligence and technology governance; Technology resilience and operational risk.

Information Technology Officer I, Insurance Commission, Philippines Nov 2013 – Apr 2026

More than 12 years in public service, supporting government digitalization, information systems development, technology project management, cybersecurity, and institutional governance.

- **Information security governance:** Contributed to information security policy development, cybersecurity governance initiatives, and institutional incident response coordination.
- **Internal quality audit:** Head of internal quality audit activities in 2025, supporting institutional process evaluation and quality management.

Founder, Safe Tayo? Philippines 2026 – Present

Founded an independent initiative that makes cybersecurity, digital safety, privacy, AI, and technology literacy easier to understand for Filipinos, by turning technical concepts into practical resources for people without technical backgrounds. Developed and maintained independently, alongside my full-time role, and not affiliated with or endorsed by my employer.

- Public cybersecurity education; Digital literacy and technology literacy; Privacy and online safety awareness; Responsible AI education; Educational content development; Gamified cybersecurity learning.

EDUCATION

Master of Technology Management (MTM), University of the Philippines Diliman 2026

Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Communications Engineering, Ateneo de Manila University 2013

SELECTED PROJECTS

Safe Tayo? Philippines Founder and independent developer

An independent digital safety and technology literacy initiative that connects technical knowledge to everyday digital life. safetayo.ph

Cyber Tanod Creator and developer

A browser game where players act as a barangay's first "Cyber Tanod" and solve fictional scam cases by reading the evidence correctly. The game currently has four quests, rated Easy to Expert, plus a six-level Cyber Literacy Path. tanod.safetayo.ph

Kahit Offline: digital preparedness library Creator and developer

Preparedness guides for phones, power, signal and accounts during typhoons, earthquakes and long brownouts, packaged as a single file people can download in advance and open without internet. safetayo.ph/offline

Safe Tayo? Explained Creator and educator

A short-video series that introduces technology concepts to people with little or no technical background. Beyond cybersecurity awareness, it explains how digital systems actually work.

CERTIFICATIONS

- GIAC Certified Incident Handler (GCIH), GIAC, August 2024
- GIAC Security Essentials (GSEC), GIAC, April 2024
- GIAC Foundational Cybersecurity Technologies (GFACT), GIAC, April 2024
- Certified in Cybersecurity (CC), ISC2, February 2023
- HTB Certified Web Exploitation Specialist (HTB CWES), Hack The Box, March 2024

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- Cybersecurity Professional Recognition, Level 3 – Expert, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Philippines, 5 October 2026

PROGRAMS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAINING

- Asia-Pacific AI School, UN Women, 2025
- Data governance program, UNDP, UNESCO and ITU, 2025
- SWITCH! Program, Fellow, APNIC, 2024
- Security Training Scholarship, Women in CyberSecurity (WiCyS), 2023–2024
- Government Chief Information Officer Scholarship, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Philippines, 2021
- Women's Leadership Program, Toronto Centre, 2024
- ISO/IEC 27001:2022 Lead Auditor, Certificate of Competency, Mastermind Assurance, 2025

SELECTED TALKS

- AI for Public Good, EmpowerTech Philippines, November 2025
- Role of Cyber Hygiene in Online Safe Spaces, Empowered and Cybersafe Digital World: A Gender-Sensitive Approach for a Technology-Driven Society, November 2022